

REMARKS

The application has been amended to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1-7 and 10-13 were previously pending in the application. Claims 1-7, 10 and 11 are cancelled; leaving claims 12 and 13 for consideration.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 12 and 13 are allowable.

Canceling claims 1 and 2 is believed to obviate the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) over FRITZ et al. US Publication No. 2002/0120216.

Similarly, canceling claims 1-7, 10 and 11 is believed to obviate the rejection of claims 1-6 and 10 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over HOFERT et al. 4,203,446 in view of KIRK et al. 4,860,740 and to obviate the rejection of claims 7 and 11 further in view of TAVEL 3,375,381.

As the claims remaining in the application are indicated as allowed, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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